Medical

Resolutions passed by the Conference of the Independent Medical Practitioners of this Presidency.

* 1771 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the proceedings of the Conference of the Independent Medical Practitioners of this Presidency held last December in Madras; and

(b) whether the Government in view of the resolutions passed at the conference propose to appoint any committee for the purpose mentioned in the resolution?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to clause (b), may I know whether the Government themselves will consider the resolutions?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"If the hon. Member will tell us which resolution he wants to be particularly considered, the Government will consider it."

Municipal Councils

Location of the Muhammadan Middle School at Cuddapah.

* 1772 Q.—K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Council of Cuddapah have shifted the Muhammadan Middle School from its present building to an unhealthy locality, and whether the Muhammadans have protested against this; and

(b) what are the reasons for shifting the school from its present building and what steps the Government propose to take in view of the fact that this change of locality has failed to meet with the public approval?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no official information on the subject. They have however received a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Muhammadan residents of Cuddapah on the 5th February, protesting against the proposed transfer of the Municipal Muhammadan Middle school from its present location to a bye-lane. The matter is being enquired into.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Performance of Puja in the Hindu temple within Vellore Fort.

* 1773 Q.—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether within the precincts of the Vellore Fort there is an ancient and finely built Hindu temple;

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(b) whether puja which was being performed for a long time has been stopped, and if so, when and why;

(c) whether mahazars from the Hindus of Vellore were received by Government for the handing over of the temple to them for performing puja and other festivals;

(d) if so, how they were disposed of, and if the disposal was not in their favour, for what reasons; and

(e) whether the Government will now hand over the temple to Hindus for performing puja on condition that Adi-Dravidas should have right of entry to the temple?

A.—(a) There is a temple within the Fort believed to have been built in the 13th Century A.D. and said to be of excellent military architecture.

(b) From the Manual of North Arcot district, it appears that worship in the temple was stopped and re-introduced several times in the past. The Government have no information whether worship is now being conducted or not in the temple.

(c) & (d) No mahazar was received.

(e) A report has been called for from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

[*Note*:—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II

ELECTION TO THE FINANCE AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that, as a result of the elections held yesterday, the following Members have been declared elected to the Public Accounts Committee and the Finance Committee :—

1. *Public Accounts Committee.*

1. Khadir Moideen Sahib Bahadur.
2. Mr. Chavadi K. Subrahmanya Pillai.
3. Mr. D. Narayana Raju.
4. Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
5. Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
6. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo.
7. Mr. C. Gopala Menon.

2. *Finance Committee.*

1. T. M. Moidoo Sahib Bahadur.
2. Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja.
3. Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
4. Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed.
5. Mr. K. R. Karant.
6. Mr. K. V. R. Swami.

III

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1928-29.

DEMAND VII—IRRIGATION—PUBLIC WORKS OFFICERS AND ELECTRICITY.

*The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move

'*that Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 235·17 lakhs under Irrigation—Public Works Officers and Electricity.*'

" Sir, I have been requested by the other side to ask your permission to take up item No. 419 first, because a larger number of Members are interested in that item and wish to speak on it."